

**COMMITTEE MINUTES for
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT APPROPRIATIONS SUBCOMMITTEE**

Date: *January 24, 2017*

Location: *RM 103, Sup. Ct. Chamber*

Convened: *10:00 AM*

Adjourned: *11:20 AM*

Attendance Roll Call:

Present: Senators Lofgren-CH, Breitbach-VC, Dotzler-RM, Allen, Greene; Representatives Best-CH, Gassman-VC, Running-Marquardt-RM, Deyoe, Gaskill, Hanusa, Kressig, McKean, Staed

Absent:

Excused:

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The meeting came to order at 10:03 am

Call to order by Committee Chair, Senator Mark Lofgren

Roll was taken. All members of the committee were present.

Minutes were approved from the last meeting

Senator Lofgren addressed the committee, introducing the presentation.

Guest speaker, Beth Townsend, Director of the Iowa Workforce Development presented.

She focused on the 2017 budget, recognizing that the number one problem in Iowa is the lack of skilled and trained workers in the job force. She also said the main goal for the Workforce Development is to change lives. She spoke about services provided to Iowa, which are developed to raise the unemployment rate, currently at 3.6%. She also spoke about the Future Ready Iowa, and Future Ready Iowa Alliance, which are key initiatives for 2017.

The floor was opened up for questions. Questions were asked by Senators Lofgren, Dotzler, Breitbach, Chairman Best, Representatives McKean, Gaskill, Kressig and Running-Marquardt. Senator Lofgren reminded the floor of the visit to the World Food Prize at 10am on Wednesday, January 25.

Meeting was adjourned at 11:20am.

Senator Mark S. Lofgren

Jessica Campbell, Committee Secretary